

**REMARKS**

The Office action dated July 18, 2003 and the cited references have been carefully considered.

**Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-16, 19-33 are pending.

Claims 1-8, 12-16, 19-29, and 31-33 are allowed. The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-18, 12-16, 19-29, and 31-33 are allowed.

Claims 9-11 and 30 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 10-13 of copending Application No. 09/681,686. The Applicants are submitting herewith a terminal disclaimer to obviate this obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Therefore, these claims are now in condition for allowance. Early allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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